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The Office Action mailed January 24, 2008 has been carefully considered together with each of the references cited therein. The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. Accordingly, reconsideration of the present Application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended the application to attend to housekeeping and to protect what Applicant believes to be the invention. Applicant has canceled claims 1-6, and 8-14. It is believed that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

The rejections of claims 1-4, 8, 9, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hayward et al. (US2002/00455554 A1) are moot in view of Applicant's amendment canceling those claims.

The rejections of claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Hayward et al. (US2002/00455554 A1) are moot in view of Applicant's amendment canceling those claims.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 7, 15, 16 and 17 are allowable for the reason that none of the prior art teaches or suggests Applicant's method which relates to application of the dilute solution to a polysilazane-containing coating film.

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above remarks, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and 103 are moot and should be withdrawn and that this application is in a condition for an allowance of all pending claims. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and an allowance of all pending claims are courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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